



National Work Zone Awareness Week

Fact Sheet

- C Over the last 5 years the number of persons killed in motor vehicle crashes in work zones has gone from 789 in 1995 to a high of 868 in 1999, for an average of 768 fatalities per year.
- C In 1999, 868 fatalities resulted from motor vehicle crashes in work zones of which 225 resulted from large truck crashes.
- C On average from 1995 to 1999, 16% of the fatalities resulting from crashes in work zones were non-motorists (pedestrians and bicyclists).
- C Approximately 40,000 people per year are injured as a result of motor vehicle crashes in work zones.
- C Approximately 5,000 people were injured in large truck crashes in work zones in 1999.
- C In 1999, less than half of all work zone crashes occurred during the day, while about two-thirds of fatal large truck work zone crashes occurred during the day.
- C Almost two times as many work zone crashes occurred on weekdays compared to weekends.
- C Fatal work zone crashes, regardless of whether a large truck was involved or not, occurred most often in the summer and the fall.
- C The percentage of fatal work zone crashes occurring on urban interstates was more than twice the percentage of all fatal crashes occurring on urban interstates (14% compared to 6%).
- C For fatal large truck crashes, the percentage of work zone crashes occurring on urban interstates is almost twice as high compared to all fatal truck crashes (15% vs. 9%).
- C The majority of fatal work zone crashes for all vehicles and large trucks occurred on roads with speed limits of 55 miles per hour or greater (70% and 72%, respectively).

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